

What is claimed is:

5 1. A method of producing a storage medium that provides information regarding a source material, comprising:

gathering features of the source material;  
5 accessing secondary materials related to the features;  
gathering features of the secondary materials;  
determining attributes of the gathered materials;  
analyzing the attributes based on a predetermined characteristic; and  
recording information regarding the source material and the secondary  
10 materials based on the analysis.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the determining step includes statistical analyzing the features of the source material and the features of the secondary materials.

15 3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the determining step includes incrementing an iteration number.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the recording step includes  
20 recording the source material, features of the source material, the secondary material, and features of the secondary materials.

5. A method of providing an interface for graphically displaying information, comprising:

displaying information regarding a source material and a set of secondary materials;

5 determining a selection of information based on a user input;

analyzing the source material, the set of secondary materials, and the selection of information; and

updating the display of information regarding the source material and the set of secondary materials based on the analysis.

10 6. The method according to claim 5, wherein the updating step highlights a particular set of the secondary materials, so as to bring the particular set of the secondary materials to the attention of the user.

15 7. The method according to claim 5, wherein the displaying step includes displaying a representation of objects of the source material in a first area and displaying representations of objects of the second materials in a second area.

20 8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the updating step rearranges the locations of the representations of the objects of the secondary materials.

9. The method according to claim 7, further comprising:

linking the first area and the second area so that a user input to either area will effect the display in the other area.

5 10. An apparatus for producing a medium that provides information regarding a source material, comprising:

a memory including a program;

a processor for running the program; and

a storage medium,

10 wherein the program includes instructions to gathers features of the source material, access secondary materials related to the features, gather features of the secondary materials, determine attributes of the gathered materials, analyze the attributes based on a predetermined characteristic, and record on the storage medium information regarding the source material and the secondary materials  
15 based on the analysis.

11. The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the determining instruction includes statistical analyzing the features of the source material and the features of the secondary materials.

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12. The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the determining instruction includes incrementing an iteration number.

13. The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the recording instruction includes recording the source material, features of the source material, the secondary material, and features of the secondary materials.

5 14. An interface for graphically displaying information, comprising:

a display that displays information regarding a source material and a set of secondary materials;

a user interface that determines a selection of information using a user input and performs an analysis based on the source material, the set of secondary materials, and the selection of information; and

a controller that instructs the display of information regarding the source material and set of secondary materials to be updated based on the analysis.

15 15. The interface according to claim 14, wherein the display includes a first area that displays a representation of objects of the source material and second area that displays representations of objects of the second material.

20 16. The interface according to claim 15, wherein the controller instructs the display to rearrange the locations of the representations of the objects of the secondary materials.

17. The interface according to claim 15, wherein the controller links the first area and the second area so that a user input to either area will effect the display in the other area.

5 18. A storage medium having a format for interacting with an automated information accessing device, the format including information for use in assisting a user to understand a source material, wherein the format includes information produced by a method, the method comprising:

gathering features of the source material;

10 accessing secondary materials related to the features;

gathering features of the secondary materials;

determining attributes of the gathered materials;

analyzing the attributes based on a predetermined characteristic; and

recording, based on the format, information regarding the source material and

15 the secondary materials based on the analysis.

19. The medium according to claim 18, wherein the determining step includes statistical analyzing the features of the source material and the features of the secondary materials.

20 20. The medium according to claim 18, wherein the determining step includes incrementing an iteration number.

21. The medium according to claim 18, wherein the storage medium is a physical storage medium and the source material, features of the source material, the secondary material, and features of the secondary materials are stored on the storage medium.

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22. The medium according to claim 18, wherein the storage medium is the Internet.

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23. A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer to perform a method for producing a storage medium that provides information regarding a source material, comprising:

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gathering features of the source material;  
accessing secondary materials related to the features;  
gathering features of the secondary materials;  
determining attributes of the gathered materials;  
analyzing the attributes based on a predetermined characteristic; and  
recording information regarding the source material and the secondary materials based on the analysis.

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24. A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer to perform a method for providing an interface for graphically displaying information, comprising:

updating the display of information regarding the source material and set of secondary materials based on the analysis.